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Who's Who In California Numismatics

William H. Smith

By R. G. McARTHUR

Our newest auctioneer, the man who will conduct the auction sales at the coming Pasadena convention, is none other than William H. (Eureka Bill) Smith.

William Howard Smith, son of R.B. and Clara Davidson Smith, was born Jan. 10, 1910, on a ranch in Parker County, Tex. There, in the "wide open spaces", Bill spent the first eight years of his life. He and his sister Anne walked five miles to school.

When Bill was 8 years old, the family moved to Abilene, Tex., where they resided for several years. While selling newspapers in Abilene, Smith received a 10-franc gold piece in change as a dime. Thus was born a numismatist.

"From Abilene, we moved to Fort Worth, Tex. There, as a paper boy, I was a nuisance to B. Max Mehl. There I completed my first set of Indian Head cents, including the 1856 Flying Eagle, for which I paid Max $12.50 of my hard-earned money.

"Then came the Arkansas oil boom and my folks moved to Camden, Ark., where I finished high school. After graduation, I worked for Matt H. Rothert, present second vice president of the ANA, as a finisher in the Camden Furniture Co. factory."

Smith next attended barber college in Fort Worth, Tex., and, during the depression years, roamed the eastern states, working as a barber. "Finding no gold mine in barbering," Bill returned to Camden, Ark., where, in 1933, he met and married his wife, Ova. Then followed several years with the General American Life Insurance Co., overseeing farms in Southern Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

At the beginning of World War II, the Smiths came to San Francisco, where Bill worked for eight years as a "machinist snapper" in the Naval shipyard.

While working nights in the shipyard and building his own home in the daytime, Smith, in January 1949, opened his first coin store at 19th and Castro Sts., San Francisco. Working alone, he completed his home in 18 months and then plunged into the coin business on a full-time basis. In 1951, the Eureka Coin Shop moved to its present location, 678 Geary St., San Francisco.

Having been a coin collector and dealer for many years, Bill naturally belongs to quite a few numismatic organizations. He holds membership in the American Numismatic Association, the California State Numismatic Association, the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association, Central States Numismatic Society, Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association, and others.

In his letter to the writer, Bill wrote, "The least said about me in your magazine, the better I will like it. I promise a good auction and, as far as I am concerned, that is about all that needs to be said."

Side view Bank of Montreal token. Extremely rare.

Bank Tokens of Lower Canada

By DOROTHY E. BEAULIEU, San Jose

In 1763 the long struggle between France and England for supremacy in America came to a close. By the Treaty of Paris, New France was ceded formally to Britain, but secured for the French Canadians the free exercise of their religion and the continuance of French laws and customs.

The racial and religious differences between the British and the French, however, soon developed into bitter antagonisms. In order to meet this situation, the British government first divided Canada into two provinces, each with its own local government under a central British administration. Lower Canada was French and Catholic; Upper Canada was English and Protestant.

During the turbulent years that followed, there was considerable political unrest in Lower Canada. The French-speaking people were divided into two factions: those who favored bureaucracy and the "Patriotes", who aimed at securing political power for their own group. Eventually the discontent came to a head with the "Rebellion of 1837." A few French Canadians, led by Louis Joseph Papineau, took up arms with the wild idea of establishing a French republic on the St. Lawrence. Although there was much bloodshed, the uprising proved to be a feeble affair and was quickly suppressed.

The currency of the times was in a wretched condition. Small change was so scarce as to be almost nonexistent. The circulating medium consisted of any round piece of metal. In 1837, 1838 and 1839 the Bank of Montreal, Banque du Peuple, City Bank and Quebec Bank provided a standardized form of currency by issuing half-penny and penny tokens.

Whether or not the banks acted upon their own initiative is uncertain. The fact that they all used the same design could indicate a semi-official position.

The obverse represents a habitant (farmer) of Lower Canada dressed in the national winter costume. He carries a whip in his hand.

The reverse shows the arms of the City of Montreal, designed by that city's first mayor.

The motto on the garter: "Concordia Salus" (Safety in Union — of the races) is particularly appropriate, as at that time the population of Montreal was composed mostly of Scots, English, Irish and French. They are represented on the shield by thistle, rose, shamrock and beaver. The beaver is emblematic of the industry shown by the pioneers of Canada.

The name of the issuing bank is incused on the ribbon ends.

Because these tokens were issued

during the rebellion years, they were known popularly as Papineaus, although there was no real connection.

The following tokens properly belong to the Bouquet Sous series. Inasmuch as this article deals with all known bank issues, they shall be included here.

No. 1

Obverse. Bouquet made up of three ears of wheat at the top, one thistle, one rose and a spray of small leaves on either side; the ribbon binding the stems without a bow, TRADE & AGRICULTURE *LOWER CANADA*.

Reverse. ½ PENNY/TOKEN 1837 within a wreath; outside the wreath, above, PRO BONO PUBLICO; below, MONTREAL.

No. 2

Obverse. Same as No. 1.

Reverse. ½/PENNY within a wreath; above, BANK TOKEN; below, MONTREAL.

No. 3

Obverse. Similar to No. 1, but without stars or points dividing TRADE & AGRICULTURE and LOWER CANADA.

Reverse. UN/SOUS within a wreath; above, BANK OF MONTREAL; below, TOKEN. Laurel branch of 21 leaves.

Nos. 1 and 2 evidently were struck for one of the banks in Montreal, most likely the City Bank.

No. 4

Obverse. Similar. Large rose to left and large maple leaf to right.

Reverse. UN/SOU within a wreath of five large maple leaves. BANQUE DU PEUPLE. MONTREAL.

'Rebellion' token

This is the so-called Rebellion token. Hidden among the leaves of the wreath on the reverse are two emblems of liberty, the liberty cap and a star. It is believed they were caused by an employee of the bank who was sympathetic toward the rebellion of 1837.

No. 5

Obverse. Similar.

Reverse. UN SOU within a wreath of 25 maple leaves. BANQUE DU PEUPLE, MONTREAL.

In 1838-39, the Bank of Montreal abandoned the habitant design for one showing a front and side view of its building. The reverse retained the arms of the city of Montreal. It is doubtful if these tokens ever were intended for circulation; consequently, they are very rare.

In 1841, the provinces again were reunited. Montreal was chosen seat of government and the Bank of Montreal became government banker. This gave it the sole right to issue coins. From 1842 to 1844, it issued its "front-view" tokens. There is a half penny dated 1845, but it generally is believed to be a pattern.

Canada continued to be haunted by the existence of two peoples divided by race, religion and language. The restoration of French as the official language was opposed by the Tories, who based their platform on loyalty to Britain. The presence of French Canadians in the new government further enraged them. When in 1849 the Canadian legislature passed the Rebellion Losses bill, compensating citizens for losses incurred during the rebellion, the rage of the Tories exploded. They stirred up a mob that burned the Parliament buildings and

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wrecked the French leader's home. The seat of government was then moved to Quebec. The Quebec Bank became the official bank and issued these tokens under full government authority.

Habitant token. Reverse, arms of the city of Quebec.

Obverse. The habitant design of the earlier tokens.

Reverse. Female seated to the right; a cornucopia in her right hand, resting on a shield on which a lion stands to the left, holding a key with its right paw; her left hand, extended, points at a ship in the distance; a beehive behind her; a beaver on shore at her feet; a rock and the St. Lawrence River in the background. The whole represents the arms of the City of Quebec.

Life Story of a Lincoln Cent

By R. JACK FROST, Berkeley

This is the story of my life. I am a 1909S VDB Lincoln cent. I left the San Francisco Mint in 1910 in a roll of cents.

In those days cents were not much in demand. My first experience in the outside world was when I was taken to a penny arcade. I was used first in one machine and then another for about two weeks.

The owner of the arcade did not use all of us one day, so he took us with him for a walk down Third Street.

He had gone only a few blocks when a stew bum stopped him and asked him for a dime. He gave the bum all the cents, including me. The bum kept working the street for more handouts until he must have had about $2.

Then he went into a saloon and got a bottle of wine, inviting a couple of his pals to help drink it up. They ended in a fight and he left to get another bottle, spending all his money.

That left me in the saloon. Next day I was deposited in a bank. I was there a long time when at last I was taken to Los Angeles.

They use lots of cents there and I saw a lot of action.

At last I was dropped into a piggy bank, where I remained for two or three years. Then I was taken to San Francisco for the 1915 World's Fair.

I was on the Fairgrounds all that summer. I don't think I missed any of the amusement places. I was even in to see Stella a half dozen times, and all the other places on the Zone.

Someone picked me up and took me to Denver, where I was lost on the sidewalk the first day. I rolled down to the curb and was there two or three days when a boy found me.

He was collecting coins, so I went home with him.

He had some kind of board to keep his collection in and he put me in the space marked 1909S. He did not see the VDB. One day he needed money, so he took all the coins from the board and spent us. That put me out in the world again.

I was in Denver the rest of the summer and winter, going from one store to another. At last I landed in the Post Office where I stayed a short time before being taken to Seattle.

In Seattle I landed in another piggy bank. I was there until the summer of 1952. The owner of the piggy bank turned coin collector, so he opened the bank and found I was a 1909S VDB. He nearly had a fit. He belonged to a coin club, so decided to sell me at auction. I was put up and sold for $10. I began to feel important.

My new owner was not very careful and not thinking, spent me the next day. So I was on the loose again. I was taken to Portland, where someone located my VDB and I was in the money again.

I was sold to a dealer for $10. I did not feel as valuable as before until I saw the price the dealer put on me. It was $25. He would show me five or six times a day, but no one had that kind of money.

One day about a week later, he was standing back of the case I was in when he saw a man he knew coming in. He took me up, pulled off the price tag and placed me in the case again.

After greeting his friend, he said, "I have a coin you might like," and took me out of the case. The customer took out his glass, looked me over very carefully, and said, "This is a very nice coin. What is the price?"

I nearly passed out when the dealer said $40. They talked for awhile and at last the customer offered $35. The deal was closed. I felt like I was the real thing at last. I was taken home and placed in a plastic holder with his other coins, making a complete set.

But I was not to stay there very long. This person had a 7-year-old boy who was very fond of candy. One day he got hold of the plastic, broke it up, and went on a candy-buying spree.

So I landed in a candy store. I was given out as change, taken to Oakland, where I changed hands many times. In all my travels I looked like a new coin.

At last I landed in an eating place, where I was given in change to, of all men, Frank Galvin, a coin dealer on Franklin Street. Like all coin dealers, as soon as he returned to his store, he got out his glass to look at his change. Of course he found me at once. He gave me a few soft rubs with the secrets of the trade, and I looked better than new. He put me in a case with a $45 tag.

He just had me nicely placed in the case when who should walk in but Gil Eaton. I was the first coin he saw and right away he wanted to know the price.

Frank said $45 without batting an eye. Gil offered to make a trade with some Indian head cents. Frank said, "No soap. This is a prize. I want cash."

After talking about an hour, Gil gave $40 cash and two Indian head cents for me. I was taken home and placed in a black plastic holder, completing the set.

I suppose this is the end of the story and that I will remain here until the end of eternity.

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NEW WESTERN COIN MAGAZINE

N. E. Wilson, San Diego printer, has announced plans to launch the **Western Coin Journal** Aug. 15. This new monthly publication will be devoted to all phases of numismatics and carry advertising, Wilson said. It will contain from 24 to 32 pages with 5½ x 8½ - inch format. Yearly subscriptions, $2, may be obtained from **Western Coin Journal**, 3946 Illinois St., San Diego, Calif.

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PNNA PLANS PUBLICATION

The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association plans publication of an official news bulletin, according to Jack R. Koch of Moses Lake, Wash. First issue has been scheduled for Sept. 1. Advertisements are being accepted for the publication, Koch said.

Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena, State Convention Headquarters

Pasadena Convention, Nov. 5-8

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

Plans are well under way for the fall convention of the California State Numismatic Association, to be held Nov. 5-8 at the beautiful Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena.

The Huntington-Sheraton Hotel is located on a delightfully landscaped 30-acre tract in South Pasadena, amidst some of Pasadena's most magnificent homes and scenery. Plenty of free parking, spacious convention exhibit and bourse rooms, reasonable rates, a convention-wise hotel staff, swimming pool and other facilities, assure an outstanding convention.

Within a short drive from the hotel are the Pasadena Playhouse, one of the oldest "little theater" movements and best dramatic schools, presenting nightly performances; Huntington Library and Art Gallery, a world-famous museum, open daily to the public; California Institute of Technology, with public scientific demonstration lectures; Descanso Gardens, a sylvan paradise of roses, camellias, pools, walks and ancient oaks; Arboretum, a 127-acre part of "Lucky" Baldwin's fabulous estate; San Gabriel Mission, first white settlement in Los Angeles area; Santa Anita Race Track; Mt. Wilson; Rose Bowl; and many other attractions.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservations may be obtained by writing Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena, Calif., and stating you plan to attend the CSNA convention.

EXHIBIT RESERVATIONS

Reservations of exhibit space may be made by writing Dan Harley, 2129 Arroyo Dr., Pomona, Calif., who plans award and exhibit innovations. No charge is made for exhibits since the recent removal of the 50-cent a case fee by CSNA.

DEALERS' BOURSE

The first floor Ballroom and East Room will be occupied by bourse and exhibits. Reservations of available bourse space at $27.50 each should be made promptly by writing Henri Heller, bourse chairman, 5611 Cambury, Temple City, Calif.

POSSIBLE NEW RECORDS

With more than 30 coin clubs and thousands of collectors in the Los Angeles area, and with conventioneers coming from every section of California and many parts of the United States, the convention committee plans to handle capacity attendance, with the prospect of new records being established in all convention activities.

BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT

Herbert Bergen, entertainment chairman, armed with the largest sum ever budgeted for entertainment by CSNA, will disclose his entertainment extravaganza at the banquet.

TWO-SESSION AUCTION

Bill Smith, proprietor of the Eureka Coin Shop in San Francisco, and well known to CSNA conventioneers as bourse dealer at 23 conventions, will conduct a two-session auction. Smith reports considerable choice material already scheduled, but he still has some space available. Anyone interested in placing material in the auction or obtaining a free convention auction catalog should write Eureka Coin Shop. 678 Geary St., San Francisco, Calif.

NUMISMATIC FORUM

Dr. Curtis R. Paxman, in charge of the numismatic forum, will announce his plans later.

CLUB OFFICERS' BREAKFAST

Charles Colver, in charge of the club officers' breakfast, plans to replace the customary breakfast menu with a "Continental Breakfast" and invites everyone interested in the welfare of coin clubs to attend.

CONVENTION HOST CLUB

San Gabriel Valley Coin Club will be host club to the convention, with many of its members participating in various convention activities.

LIMOUSINE AND BUS SERVICE

Limousine service on an hourly basis between Los Angeles International Airport and the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena operates daily. Bus service to downtown Los Angeles or Pasadena operates on a regular schedule, and connections are maintained with all trains.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Committee chairmen, announced by Stewart J. Bingham, general chairman, are Herbert M. Bergen, co-chairman; Winn Osborne, registration; Dan Harley, exhibits; Henri Heller, bourse; Herb Bergen, entertainment; William Fisher, electric wiring; Robert C. Patterson, awards; Henri Heller and Harry Davidson, security; William H. Smith, auction; Dr. Curtis Paxman, numismatic forum; Charles M. Johnson, publicity; Erich Werling, badges and ribbons; Herb Bergen and Stewart Bingham, display case transportation; T. Kirk Hill, finance; Robert Williams, sergeant-at-arms; Charles Colver, club officers' breakfast; Dr. C.L. Emmons, Sunday brunch; and Mrs. C.L. Emmons, official convention photographer.

STEWART J. BINGHAM
. . . General Chairman

—CSNA—

One gullible storekeeper recently cashed a check signed "U.R. Stuck", and another honored one drawn on the "East Bank of the Mississippi", according to J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director.

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The $10,000 United States currency note — not in general circulation — has the portrait of Salmon P. Chase, Treasury Secretary in 1861.

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In 1957 the take from fraudulent checks was $535 million, according to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

United States Depression Scrip

By RALPH A. MITCHELL and CHARLES V. KAPPEN

CALIFORNIA

San Jose

California Market

The California Market, 213 W. Santa Clara St., started a scrip plan in February 1933 which was continued for more than 18 months. Scrip was exchanged for building and loan company passbooks, or any part of a passbook, on the following basis of allowance: Guaranty, up to 95 cents on the dollar; Pacific States, up to 95 cents; San Jose Pacific, up to 90 cents; and California Mutual, up to 60 cents. Scrip was accepted by the store for half the amounts of purchases, cash being required for the remainder. California Mutual held first mortgage on the store building; Alex Hart, second mortgage. W.F. (Foster) Weeks, who was buying the building, subleased meat, delicatessen, fish, groceteria, and other departments. Scrip accepted by the several departments was used in paying 50 per cent of the rent to Weeks, who in turn paid it on his mortgage to the California Mutual. Issued in 50-cent, $1, $5, $10 and $20 denominations, the scrip was accepted and the plan was working well. In early August 1934, however, Weeks as president and Henry Brown as secretary had scrip printed in $50, $100, $500 and $1000 denominations, using it to purchase homes and automobiles. A few days later, when scrip in the large denominations was brought in, department sublessors refused to accept it and the plan died. In the meantime, the state of California, through Edwin M. Daugherty, commissioner of corporations, had brought injunction proceedings against the California Market, Weeks and Brown, to forbid them from engaging in the sale of scrip taken in exchange for merchandise and from dealing in building and loan company passbooks. The state charged that they were violating the State Securities Act because they were selling scrip or offering it for sale without first having obtained a permit from the commissioner of corporations. The complaint recited that Weeks and Brown were acting as brokers by engaging in the business of dealing in building and loan passbooks issued by others and that they had not applied for a permit to do so. The state attorney general's office had to amend its injunction proceedings twice on technical grounds. The plan died before the case could come to court a third time. All scrip, yellow in color, was undated. About 3½ x 5 inches in size, it was signed by Weeks and Brown.

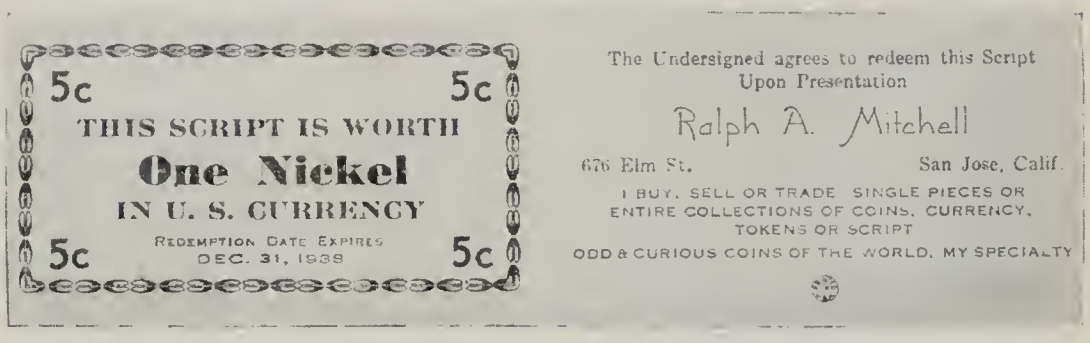
88. 50 cents. 89. $1. 90. $5. 91. $10. 92. $20.
93. $50. 94. $100. 95. $500. 96. $1000.

San Jose

Ralph A. Mitchell 1⅞ x 3¼ in.

Undated (December 1937). Redemption limit Dec. 31, 1938. Printed

in black on tan waxed eardboard. made to resemble wood veneer, by Luther H. Whitt, Franklin, Ohio. Denomination, 5 eents. Total issue, 500. Printed for primary use as ealling eards, this novelty serip was mailed out to friends for Christmas 1937. It also was used as small ehange by Mitehell, just to see if he eould spend it. A few pieees only were presented for redemption.



RALPH A. MITCHELL CALLING CARD SCRIP, SAN JOSE

San Jose

San Jose Clearing House Association

The San Jose Clearing House Assoeiation met Mareh 6, 1933. to study possible issuanee of clearing honse certificates. Present were Fred J. Oehler of the American Trust Co., president; Frank Mitehell and Harold Ahlman of the Bank of Ameriea, NT and SA; Paul Randolph. eashier of the First National Bank of San Jose; and William Pabst of the San Jose National Bank. Certifieates were not issued.

San Jose

About 12 San Joseans. concerned about the prospeet of Santa Clara fruit rotting on the ground while unemployed families faeed hunger. planned a barter group in April 1932. Organization of the *Unemployed Relief Council* was eompleted in July. Offieers eleeted were Ed J. Green. president; Hans C. Petersen. vice president; William Z. Morgan, second vice president; Harold E. Petersen, secretary; Mrs. Rachel B. Wells. assistant seeretary: and Kenneth A. Waters, manager. Members gathered undersized apricots. peaehes, pears, apples and prunes. which otherwise would have gone to waste. By the end of July 600 unemployed persons were operating a dry yard; later. a dehydrating plant. In January 1933 the URC began working abandoned farms, using abandoned equipment, to raise vegetables. At that time more than 100 tons of fruit had been gathered, dried or canned. The organization was serving 850 heads of families, providing meals daily for approximately 3500 needy persons. During January 27.719 pounds of foodstuffs were distributed in 4457 orders. Work orders filled during January totaled 9882, with 19.805½ work hours exehanged for produce. The URC bartered its fruit for vegetables. citrus fruit and other supplies. In March. offieers asserted that the unit was accomplishing $11.51 worth of relief for every dollar it received. Central headquarters was at 63 N. First St. "Here, with hours of work as currency, members of the organization do their 'shopping' ". the *San Jose Mercury Herald* stated. Besides food. clothing. furniture. fuel and drugs, such services as shoe repair. furni-

ture repair, sewing, clothing renovation, watch repair, printing and barbering were available. Two meals a day were served there to workers and their families. In April the URC took over the Washburn School property at Devine and San Pedro Sts., where meals thereafter were cooked and served.

Following meetings at Fresno and San Jose in September and October 1932, a state organization, the *Unemployed Cooperative Relief Council of California*, was formed. Among officers elected were E.J. Krueger, Los Angeles, chairman; R. H. Buck, Oakland, second vice chairman; Alfred C. Docter, San Jose, secretary; and Kenneth A. Waters, San Jose, Northern California contact man. By mid-January 1933, there were 58 state units with a total membership of 277,000. Los Angeles County, alone, had 22 units. State units at that time were providing meals for 250,000 persons daily and were operating more than 200 warehouses. A state convention was held in Oakland April 10-11, 1933.

Other Northern California barter organizations were formed at Atherton, Jan. 20, 1933; Daly City (UCRA), Feb. 9, 1933; Palo Alto-Stanford (Peninsula Economic Exchange), Feb. 10, 1933: Menlo Park (URC): Pacific Grove (URC); Emeryville (URC); Oakland (two URC units): Salinas (URC); Hollister (URC); and Stockton, early February 1933. The Atherton group was backed by the Lions Club; the Stockton group, by the Stockton Ministerial Union. Palo Alto and Menlo Park unemployed groups farmed a 14-acre vegetable ranch.

San Luis Obispo

American Revolving Finance Company 3 x 8½ in.

Mrs. Daisy M. Scott of San Luis Obispo obtained blank checks and 2-cent pension stamps from Frederick W. Cheek of San Jose, originator of the ARFC plan, changing them to suit her needs in San Luis Obispo. White or yellow paper was pasted over SAN JOSE, CALIF. in the dateline and over information under DEPOSITS in lower left corner. Stamped, typed or handwritten on the pasted paper was SAN LUIS OBISPO in the dateline and under DEPOSITS: SAN LUIS OBISPO BRANCH / SECURITY-FIRST NATIONAL BANK / OF LOS ANGELES / 10¢ Penalty if held over 30 days after each transfer. / Null and void if held over 60 days after each transfer. Hand signed by Daisy M. Scott, treasurer. The checks were serially numbered in black by Cheek, but were taken at random out of the San Jose series when issued to Mrs. Scott. The plan was in operation for approximately a month in July and August 1939. Both types of checks (California Nos. 85 and 86) were used. Total issue of approximately 500 included about 400 of Type 1 and 100 of Type 2.

97. $1. Type 1. 98. $1. Type 2.

San Luis Obispo

An association of San Luis Obispo merchants issued "home owned business scrip" March 6, 1933. The Parent-Teacher Association, first to use the certificates, purchased meat for needy children with them. Scrip not seen by cataloguers.

99. Denomination(s) unknown.

Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, trade warrant 3⅜ x 8½ in.

Various dates, handwritten or stamped, April 11 - June 10, 1933. Redemption date limit Sept. 15, 1933. Printed in black on white paper, over orange-checked background. Printed black serial number in lower left. TRADE WARRANT in upper center, $1 in upper corners, FIRST ISSUE [only issue] in lower center. Handwritten signatures of Fred MePherson Jr., president. Mabel Wheeler and person to whom issued. Folded stamp-type, inside and on back are spaces for 50 signatures and 50 2-cent orange trade warrant stamps.

100. $1.

A trade warrant committee was appointed by Chamber of Commerce president Lester Wessendorf March 28. 1933, to take under immediate consideration a proposal by Mabry Bibbins. a director, that the chamber sponsor a scrip plan whieh would be used exelusively in payment for services of laborers employed on speeifie civic improvements. Deeision was made April 4 to issue scrip after the eommittee, headed by Bibbins, reported that approximately 100 merchants had agreed to accept the warrants. McPherson suceeeded Wessendorf as president April 10. On April 11 six men started the plan on its way when they were employed to build the Boardwalk from the Riverside Ave. bridge up the San Lorenzo River to a point opposite the steps leading up the hill on Cliff St. The men received their employment at the Chamber of Commerce office, then reported to the eorporation yard. where they were assigned their jobs. At the end of the day they were given time slips showing the number of hours worked, which they presented to the chamber. They reeeived warrants at the rate of $2 a day for eight hours work. Each man worked three days a week.

Santa Cruz

Swap Shop, a barter and exchange bureau, was established Mareh 8. 1933, at 20 Locust St., with Katharine Parker as manager and Floyd E. Leedham as contact man. Leedham arranged with merehants for the exchange of produce for eommodities.

Santa Monica

Santa Monica Bureau of Relief 2¾ x 4⅞ in.

Printed in black on white paper. Black double-line border. Printed black serial nnmber. Signed by F.A. Helton, city finance commissioner. as Relief Fund treasurer. Denomination boxed in lower center. Obverse statement: Redeemable at any plaee of business in City of Santa Monica. also at City Treasurer's office in City Hall. Not good after 30 days from date ————————. Line for employee's signature. Reverse plain.

101. 50 cents.

The scrip was not supported by the Santa Monica city government. bnt was issued by the finance department of the city and covered disbursements from a private fnnd of contribntions made solely by employees of the finance department as a personal type of charity. It was given to needy families. mainly to cover the purchase of snbsistence groceries.

according to Mrs. Loretta J. Peasgood, who worked in the finance office at the City Hall at that time.

Scotia

Pacific Lumber Company

Obv. THE PACIFIC LUMBER CO. / CREDIT GUARANTEE FOR / 5 / MERCHANDISE ONLY / SCOTIA, CALIF.
Rev. Within circle, 5 / Orco / REG. U.S. PAT. OFF. / THE OSBORNE REGISTER CO. / CIN. O. U.S.A. Above, MERCHANDISE ONLY. Below, NOT TRANSFERABLE. Description of 5-cent trade check applicable also to all other denominations, except PAT. PEND. instead of REG. U.S. PAT. OFF. Letter P punched out of token.

102. 5 cents. Brass. Diameter, 19 mm.
103. 10 cents. Bronze. Diameter, 21 mm.
104. 25 cents. Brass. Diameter, 24 mm.
105. 50 cents. Bronze. Diameter, 27 mm.
106. $1. Nickel. Diameter, 32 mm.

These trade checks, manufactured by the Osborne Register Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, first were used in 1929 in company-owned stores only in the town of Scotia, a town wholly owned by the Pacific Lumber Co. When the bank holidays of March 1933 came along, these tokens, already in use in Pacific Lumber Co. stores in Scotia, were pressed into service in the adjacent town of Rio Dell. They were accepted gladly in both towns, as well as in several smaller neighborhood communities.

Standard

Pickering Lumber Company

Obv. PICKERING LUMBER CO. / 5 / CREDIT CHECK.
Rev. Within circle, 5 / Orco / PAT. PEND. / THE OSBORNE REGISTER CO. / CIN. O. U.S.A. Above, MERCHANDISE ONLY. Below, NOT TRANSFERABLE. Pick punched out of token.

107. 5 cents. Brass. Diameter, 19 mm.
108. 10 cents. Bronze. Diameter, 21 mm. Pointed 1 in 10 on reverse.
108a. 10 cents. Same as No. 108 except flat-topped 1 in 10.
109. 25 cents. Brass. Diameter, 24 mm.
110. 50 cents. Bronze. Diameter, 27 mm.
111. $1. Nickel. Diameter, 32 mm.

Coupon books, made up into denominations of $2.50, $5, $10 and $20, first were used by the Pickering Lumber Co. in April 1924. This scrip could be used only in the company store and in commissaries at the camps. Coupon books were used only briefly before being succeeded by metal scrip in 5-, 10-, 25- and 50-cent and $1 denominations. These trade checks were used through the depression period until about 1949, when all but the $1 denomination were discontinued, according to F.F. Momyer, Pickering Lumber Corporation president and general manager. The $1 check is still in use, but is good only in company stores and commissaries. Trade checks are not accepted by other merchants in the area, primarily because the company does not want them to become used generally. Main purpose of the scrip, according to Mom-

PLATE 16

American Revolving Finance Company

CHECK NO.

No. of Agreement | Date of Agreement | City | State

PAY | DOLLARS $

From Monday | To Monday | No. Paid

TO THE ORDER OF | NULL AND VOID IF HELD OVER 4 DAYS

In accepting this check I agree to a penalty of 20% for failure to write name and address of person to whom I transfer same.

ISSUED BY THE
AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO.
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Number and Name of Club Where Payments are Made

By
Treasurer

CALIFORNIA No. 87

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING THIS CHECK

AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO.

No 3086

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF. July 14 1939

PENSION CHECK ISSUED TO THE ORDER OF Mrs. D M Scott AGE 64

In accepting this Check I agree to a two cent penalty on disposal of same.

PAY ONE AND NO/100 DOLLARS $1.00

DEPOSITS
SAN LUIS OBISPO BRANCH
SECURITY-FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF LOS ANGELES

Penalty if held over 30 days after each transfer.
Null and void if held over 30 days after each transfer.

Western States Division of the
AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO.
Daisy M Scott
Treas.

CALIFORNIA No. 97

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING THIS CHECK

AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO.

No 5930

CALIF. July 7 1937

BENEFIT CHECK ISSUED TO THE ORDER OF T Linton Powell

In accepting this check I agree to a two cent penalty on disposal of same.

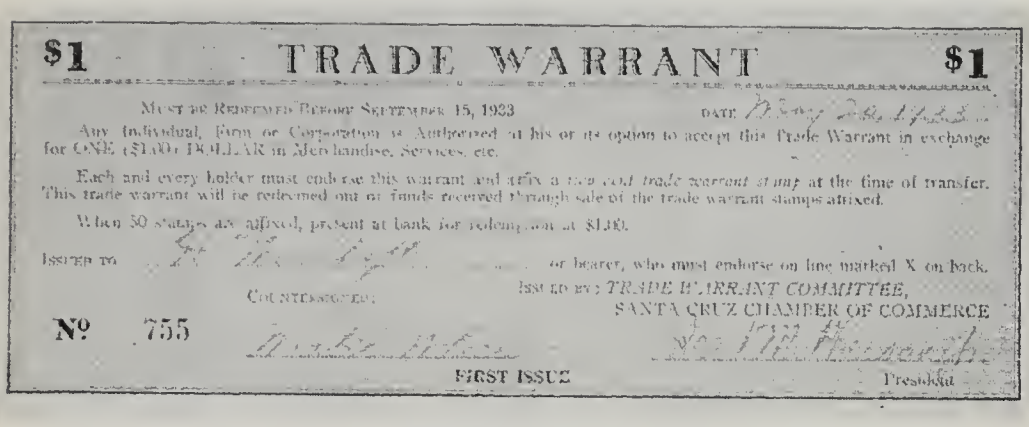
PAY ONE AND NO/100 DOLLARS $1.00

DEPOSITS
SAN LUIS OBISPO BRANCH
SECURITY-FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF LOS ANGELES

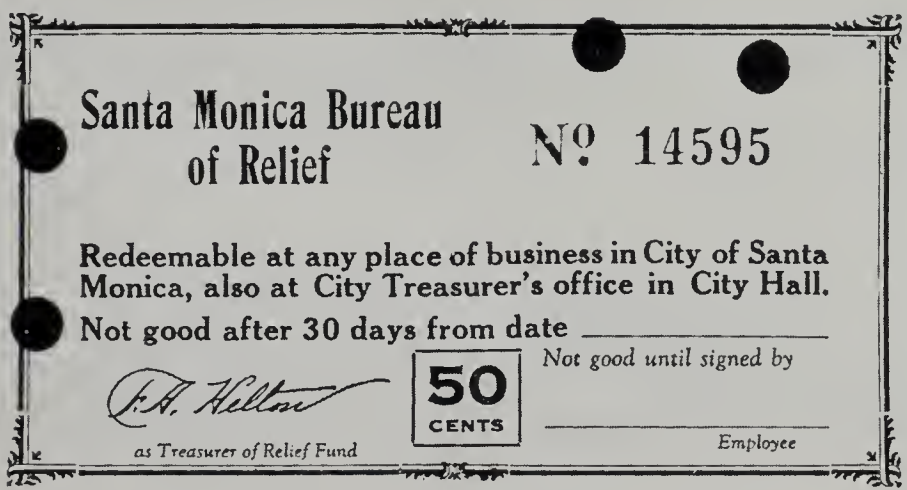
Western States Division of the
AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO.
Daisy M Scott
Treas.

CALIFORNIA No. 98

PLATE 17


$1
TRADE WARRANT
$1
Must be Redeemed Before September 15, 1933
Any Individual, Firm or Corporation is Authorized at his or its option to accept this Trade Warrant in exchange for ONE ($1.00) DOLLAR in Merchandise, Services, etc.
Each and every holder must endorse this warrant and affix a one cent trade warrant stamp at the time of transfer. This trade warrant will be redeemed out of funds received through sale of the trade warrant stamps affixed.
When 50 stamps are affixed, present at bank for redemption at $1.00.
Issued to
or bearer, who must endorse on line marked X on back.
Countersigned:
Issued by TRADE WARRANT COMMITTEE,
SANTA CRUZ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
No 755
FIRST ISSUE
President

CALIFORNIA No. 100


Santa Monica Bureau of Relief
No 14595
Redeemable at any place of business in City of Santa Monica, also at City Treasurer's office in City Hall.
Not good after 30 days from date
Not good until signed by
50 CENTS
as Treasurer of Relief Fund
Employee

CALIFORNIA No. 101

Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World

CALIFORNIA Nos. 106, 111

PLATE 18

SERIES A

50 CENTS

TULARE RELIEF CERTIFICATE No. 398

THE CITY OF TULARE

WILL ON DEMAND PAY TO BEARER OF THIS CERTIFICATE

◆ **FIFTY CENTS** ◆

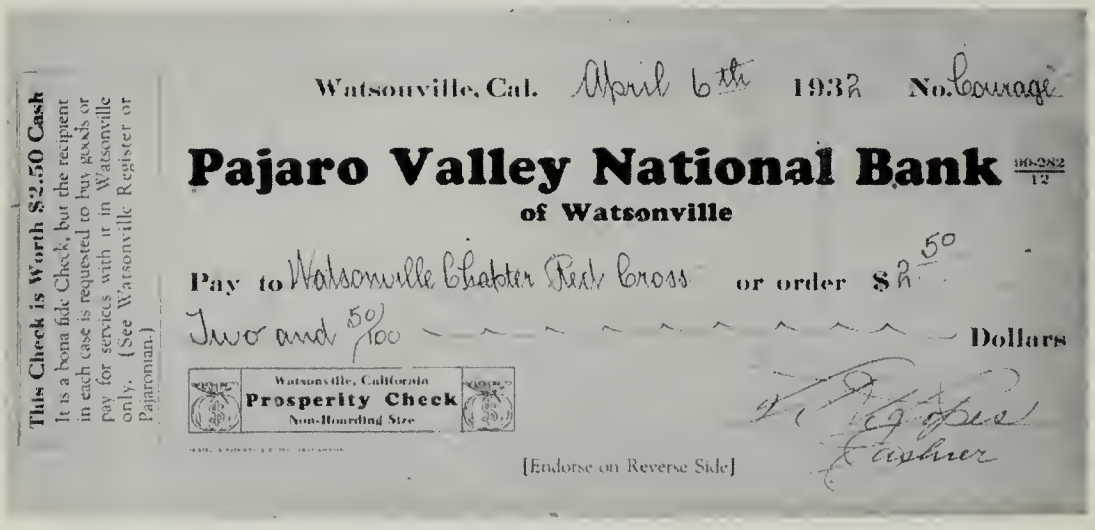
upon presentation to the Treasurer of the City of Tulare after Fifty-two Transfer Stamps of the Value One Cent each issued by the City of Tulare have been attached and Cancelled.

Issued to Chase National Bank New York City Clerk

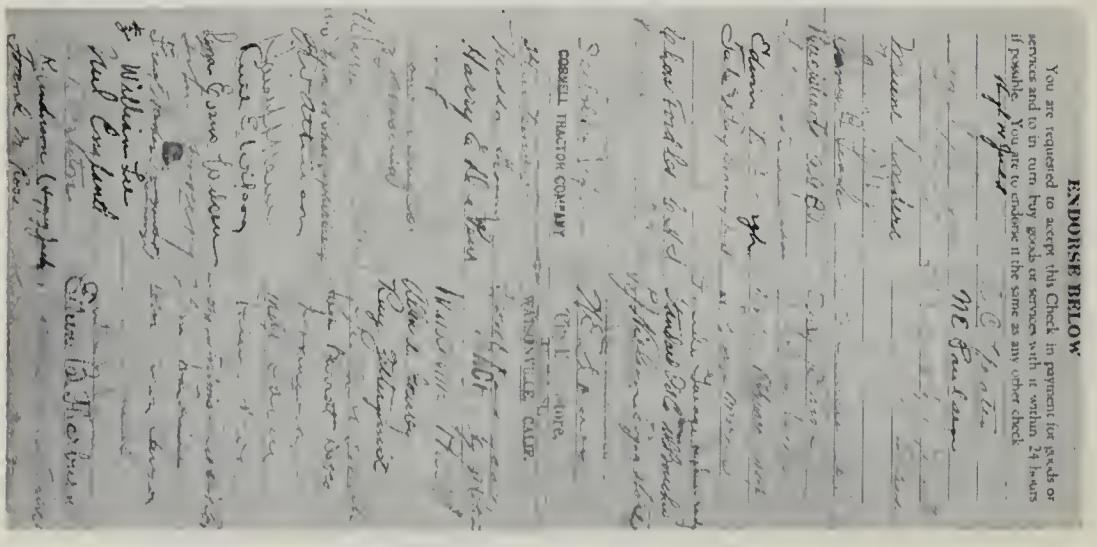
As Sample August 15th 1932

CALIFORNIA No. 114

Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World


This Check is Worth $2.50 Cash
It is a bona fide Check, but the recipient in each case is requested to buy goods or pay for services with it in Watsonville only. (See Watsonville Register or Pajaronian.)
Watsonville, Cal. April 6th 1932 No. Courage
Pajaro Valley National Bank
of Watsonville
Pay to Watsonville Chapter Red Cross or order $2.50
Two and 50/100 Dollars
Watsonville, California
Prosperity Check
Non-Rooming Size
[Endorse on Reverse Side]
Cashier

CALIFORNIA No. 116a


ENDORSE BELOW
You are requested to accept this Check in payment for goods or services and to in turn buy goods or services with it within 24 hours if possible. You are to endorse it the same as any other check
CORBELL TRACTOR COMPANY
WATSONVILLE, CALIF.

CALIFORNIA No. 116a, REVERSE

yer, is to provide a simple means of allowing employees to draw against their earnings in advance and then to use the advance to pay for their needs at store and commissary. This eliminates the necessity of carrying charge accounts at store and commissaries, which would require much bookkeeping.

Truckee

Truckee Chamber of Commerce

"Winter Sports prosperity bonds" were issued by the Truckee Chamber of Commerce Feb. 6, 1933, in amount of $200, with the idea of creating $7000 in additional trade for local merchants. The bonds were redeemable at face value (50 cents and $1) by the chamber. Reverses of the two denominations have spaces for 54 cents and $1.08 in stamps, respectively.

112. 50 cents. 113. $1.

Tulare

City of Tulare, relief certificate 3¾ x 8¼ in.

Undated (May 1933). Printed in black on light yellow paper. Black line border. Serially numbered. Series A (only series). Line for name of person to whom issued. Hand signed by C.A. Paulden, city clerk. Reverses have spaces for 52 1- or 2-cent stamps. Redeemable upon presentation to city treasurer when stamps affixed and canceled. Total issue, $500.

114. 50 cents. 115. $1.

Details of a proposed $500 scrip issue were ironed out Feb. 15, 1933, at a meeting of Tulare scrip backers with Councilmen Edgar L. Smith, H.G. Walker and E.A. Coyner. The plan was approved officially by the city council at a regular meeting May 10, 1933. The scrip plan was not successful.

Watsonville

Watsonville Chamber of Commerce, anti-hoarding check 6¾ x 14¾ in.

Dated April 6, 1932. Printed in black on buff check-type safety paper by the *Watsonville Register-Pajaronian*. Date, check number, payee, amount and signature of L.V. (Louis) Lopes, cashier, handwritten in black ink. Checks drawn against the Pajaro Valley National Bank, Watsonville. Boxed statement at left end of check: This Check is Worth $2.50 Cash / It is a bona fide Check, but the recipient / in each case is requested to buy goods or / pay for services with it in Watsonville only. (See Watsonville Register or / Pajaronian.) At left, below written denomination, is rectangular box containing money bag at each end and Watsonville. California / Prosperity Check / Non-Hoarding Size in center. On reverse, 70 lines for endorsements below statement: ENDORSE BELOW / You are requested to accept this Check in payment for goods or / services and to in turn buy goods or services with it within 24 hours / if possible. You are to endorse it the same as any other check. Four checks only were issued. They are numbered Happiness, Courage, Optimism and Prosperity. Payees were Civic Welfare

Committee, Watsonville Chapter Red Cross, YMCA and Watsonville Chapter Salvation Army, respectively.

116. $2.50 Happiness. (Chase Manhattan Bank Museum collection).
116a. $2.50 Courage. (Charles V. Kappen collection).
116b. $2.50 Optimism. (Ralph A. Mitchell collection).
116c. $2.50 Prosperity. (Louis Lopes, owner).

Idea for the "non-hoarding" check originated in the editorial room of the *Register-Pajaronian*. Purpose was to keep money in circulation, to encourage people to buy from one another and incidentally, to boom trade. It was intended that the checks circulate for a month, but at the end of three weeks the four checks had made the rounds. The original $10 outlay had done the work of $700 in payment for local purchases.

These prosperity checks, the wooden money of Tenino and Blaine, Wash., the sheepskin scrip of Heppner, Ore., the saddle leather scrip of Albany, Ore., and the buckskin scrip of Enterprise, Ore., probably received more publicity than did any other scrip of the period.

TO BE CONTINUED

Coin Facts

SPAIN DEVALUES CURRENCY

Spain devalued its currency July 18 from 42 to 60 pesetas to the dollar. France and other West European nations devalued their currencies last Dec. 28.

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There are 45.6 grains of copper mixed with 2.4 grains of zinc and tin in each Lincoln penny, 145 of which weigh exactly a pound.

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To clean gold or gold-plated jewelry quickly, dip for one-half minute in a solution of two parts hydrogen peroxide and one part household ammonia.

ANT OR GHOST HEAD MONEY

An "Ant's Nose" coin is a small copper piece of China, circa 650-600 B.C. Said to have been made in imitation of cowry shells, whose shape they resemble generally, they are flat on one side, convex on the other. They often are called "ghost's head" money, perhaps due to the ancients' practice of burying valuable ants with their dead. Their inscription adds to their "ghost-like" appearance.

—CSNA—

FRASER DIES IN CRASH

Vreeland H. Fraser, 4904 Alta Canada Rd., La Canada, Calif., was killed in an auto crash in Lancaster, Calif., July 21.

PASADENA AUCTION OFFERINGS

William H. Smith, P.O. Box 4245, San Francisco, plans a 3000-lot auction (public and mail), which will include a variety of numismatic material in all price ranges.

Among highlights will be $20 Moffat, 1853; $20 Kellogg, 1854 and 1855; $5 Wass Molitor, 1852; $2½ Mormon, 1849; $10 U.S. Assay Office, 1852, BU; $10 August Humbert, 1852, VF; uncirculated set Hawaiian coins; complete set Mercury dimes, unc.; complete set Indian cents, unc.; two complete type sets commemorative half dollars; complete set commemorative half dollars; complete set U.S. trade dollars, proof; three 1793 U.S. large cents; complete set Canadian dollars, BU; Yap stone money (11½ in. diameter) in perfect condition; 4-daler Swedish plate money; two 1856 Flying Eagle cents, unc. and former proof; and Oregon Beaver $5, VF.

Club News, Views and Whos

SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

Dr. A.F. Pradeau, La Crescenta, addressed the West Valley Coin Club in May on "Numismatic History of Mexico", which is the title of his popular and authoritative book on the same subject. During the talk, Dr. Pradeau referred to his large display of Mexican gold, silver and bronze coins, pointing out rarities, telling stories about their acquisition and filling in background information. His speech covered the more significant aspects of the history, mints, types and political changes associated with Mexican coinage from pre-Colonial period to present. Dr. Pradeau announced that his book soon will be translated and published in Spanish.

At the June meeting, **Karl Brainard** spoke on "Unusual Media of Exchange", being assisted by **Thelma Case,** who displayed her CSNA prize-winning exhibit of these items, and was interrogated by Brainard about many of them as part of the program. She stated wampum and the Italian, English and Russian trade beads used on the Pacific Coast in pre-gold rush days were the pieces she enjoys collecting and studying most. She also collected another first prize for best display at the club meeting.

May issue of **Coin,** bulletin of the West Valley Coin Club, comments on **Calcoin News** as follows:

"The **Calcoin News,** official publication of the California State Numismatic Association, is published every other month and the editor, **Charles V. Kappen,** and his assistants, **Charles M. Johnson** and **Dorothy E. Beaulieu,** are to be commended for their fine job in putting out this quality magazine. **Calcoin** features many educational articles, along with interesting news and events in numismatic circles.

"Since the West Valley Coin Club is a member of CSNA, a copy of **Calcoin** is available at each meeting. Give a look."

Los Angeles Coin Club reports an average attendance of 241 members and guests at each meeting during the first six months of this year. **Richard Williams,** USC student, spoke on "Ancient Roman Coinage" at the June meeting. In his talk, Williams described the first coins made in the sixth century B.C. which were cast in bronze in various crude shapes and called "aes rude". About 280 B.C. the silver drachma appeared. A century later the truly characteristic coins of Rome, the denarius, sestertius and quinarius, depicting Roman deities and personifications, appeared. Next aspect of the coinage was portraits of famous Romans, which first appeared at the time of Julius Caesar, 45 B.C. "Although Roman coinage does not compare artistically with the Greek, it is to the Romans," Williams said, "that we owe many of the characteristics found in modern coins."

At the May meeting of the Orange County Coin Club, **Charles Colver,** past president, gave a short talk as collector-of-the-month on "English Crowns", which his exhibit illustrated. Program chairman, **Dan Harley,** introduced **John Yribarne,** who spoke on "Indian Head Cents", one of his numismatic favorites. Yribarne traced their mintage from their beginning to the end of the issue in 1909, describing die variations such as the initial "L" on part of the 1864 issue, and listing scarcest dates. The speaker closed his talk with pointers on how to grade the circulated coins by degree of wear on certain portions of the design.

In June **Walter Holsworth,** as collector-of-the-month, displayed and discussed a U.S. type set and miscellaneous coins of the world which had been arranged with the help of his 11-year-old son. With an audience of 143 members and guests, **Dr. Verner Rich,** past president, spoke on "Chou Dynasty of China and Its Coinage", dating from 1022 B.C. to about 311

B.C. After presenting a historical sketch of early Chinese dynasties, the speaker drew pictures, after the Chinese fashion, of the area ruled by the Chou dynasty. He also described how the use of money and art of coinage was developed by the rulers with the backing of trade unions. Samples of these coins, ranging from earliest spade and knife money to later burial tokens and temple pieces, were shown. As an added display attraction, Dr. Rich brought with him from his oriental collection a set of swords and wicked looking spears, which were used by the natives during the Boxer Rebellion.

LONG BEACH PAPER PROGRAM

Charles Johnson spoke at the June meeting on "What About Uncle Sam's 30 Billion Paper Dollars?" "According to the U.S. Treasury Department's Circulating Statement," he said, "there are about 30 billion dollars worth of small size paper money circulating today in the United States." In his talk he discussed some features of the six classes, 11 denominations and 760 varieties of this money issued since 1929, and also covered its history, manufacture, destruction and occasional printing errors, sometimes called "freaks and errors". His talk was illustrated by a large display of small-size currency.

San Bernardino County Coin Club's July meeting featured a speaker's list of its own members, who spoke on the following subjects: **Fred Coops**, "Housing of Coins"; **John Yribarne**, "Grading of Coins"; **Lloyd Blue**, "Paper Money"; **Ben Coons**, "Type Sets"; **Dr. Calvert Emmons**, "Tokens and Medals"; and **Sylvia Novack**, "Women Collectors". At the previous month's meeting, with 80 members and 19 guests present, **L.L. Brown, Charles Colver, Bryan Burke, John Harley** and **John Yribarne** recounted interesting personal collecting experiences.

San Diego Numismatic Society celebrated its twenty-second anniversary in June as the third oldest club on the West Coast. **Dr. Bruce Wallace**, who founded the club in 1937, served as president for seven years. The Society's May meeting drew an attendance of 134 to hear **Anna M. Panosh** speak on her outstanding collection of "Orders and Decorations". Colored slides prepared by **Dr. Ray Wilson** augmented the talk and beautifully presented her extensive collection which has gained numerous awards at ANA and CSNA conventions.

Jon Sutherland, 17-year-old freshman at San Diego State College, who plans to be an archeologist, walked away with best-in-show award at the highly competitive numismatic exhibit at the San Diego County Fair at Del Mar. His exhibit, "The 67 Emperors of Rome and How They Met Their Ends", contained a beautiful arrangement of Imperial Roman denarius, sestertius, antoninianus and other denominations, bearing portraits of the Roman emperors. A miniature dagger, flag or wreath was placed over each coin to indicate each emperor's death by murder, battle or natural causes. **Harold Martin** won the junior first award. Other award winners were **Ralph Kruse, Dr. Bruce Wallace, James Andersen, Francis Jones, Raymond Toy, Paul Hamm, Thomas McDaniel, William Tragsdorf, Raymond Sodomka, Louis Walrath, Mrs. Louis Walrath** and **Joseph Garside.**

The Society's July program featured the ANA colored slide set, "Commemorative Coins and Medals".

The second annual dinner and installation of officers of the Ryan Coin Club of San Diego was held June 13 at the Cafe del Rey Moro with **Leonel Panosh**, past president of the ANA, as installing officer. New officers are **Bill Tragsdorf**, president; **K.D. McKermitt**, vice president; **Thel Galyardt**, treasurer; and **L.H. Brandin**, secretary. Principal speaker was **Lt. O.J. Roed** of the San Diego Police Department, who spoke before 65 members and guests. **E.F. Mellinger**, a Ryan executive, was master of ceremonies. Best display awards were won by **Ralph Kruse, Mrs. Atwood MacDonald** and **James Andersen.**

SOUTHERN HUB'S BIRTHDAY

Southern Hub Coin Club of Inglewood celebrated its second birthday party during July, with more than 200 members and guests present. The program, under chairmanship of **Joy Parrish**, entertained everyone with four hilarious skits, during which a cake of ice passed from hand to hand, a beautiful live doll appeared

on a member's lap (much to his wife's embarrassment), and **Bill Fanning** and **Karl Brainard** did an outstanding Hula dance in grass skirts. On the serious side, 10 displays competed for four beautiful silver loving cups, which were won by **Ed Barrett** (best-in-show), **Thelma Case, Grace Brainard** and **Edith Patterson.** More than $160 worth of door prizes were distributed. The auction was limited to gold, proofs and uncirculated coins. West Valley Coin Club members were guests at the party.

NEW CLUBS ORGANIZE

The Fontana Coin Club is being organized and will meet on the second Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall in Fontana.

Twenty-two charter members have formed the Lawndale Coin Club, which will meet on the third Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Optomist Club building, 15628 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale. Officers of the new club are **Carl Grall,** president; **Carl Quigley,** vice president; **James Hall,** secretary; and **George Thomas,** treasurer.

Forrester's Coin Club of San Diego is being organized with 20 charter members already signed. Membership will be limited to members of the Woodman of the World organization in the San Diego area.

The newly formed Glendale Coin Club, which meets the first Wednesday of each month at 712 N. Central, Glendale, reports 57 charter members. Officers are **Earl Whitehead,** president; **Vreeland Fraser,** vice president; **R. Wilkinson,** secretary; **A.C. Barlow,** treasurer; and **George Bennett, Kenneth Lee** and **Dr. J. Edward Neville,** board of directors.

Another club recently organized by employees of Rocketdyne, Inc., is the Rocketdyne Coin Club.

QUIZ PROGRAMS POPULAR

Recent meetings of the Norwalk, San Bernardino, Glendale, Culver City, East Los Angeles and Bay Cities coin clubs featured quiz programs, with audience and panel of experts asking and answering questions. Coin quizzes in their many variations are becoming increasingly popular. The Bay Cities Coin Club expanded its quiz into a monthly series, with each meeting devoted to a certain denomination of U.S. coins. In addition to entertaining participants and club members, quiz programs increase numismatic interest and knowledge.

OTHER RECENT SPEAKERS

M.H. Bolender, Monterey Park Coin Club, Odd and Rare Foreign Coins.
Henry Clifford, Long Beach Coin Club, Pioneer Gold Coins of the Old West.
Charles Colver, Long Beach Coin Club, English Coins, Why Not?
Harold Donald, Rocketdyne Coin Club, Ancients.
Vreeland Fraser, Glendale Coin Club, Commemorative Coins.
Ida Mae Griffin, Pico-Rivera Coin Club, Coins Found in Circulation.
Dan Harley, East Los Angeles Coin Club, Travelog of Mother Lode Country.
George Justus, Santa Barbara Coin Club, Collecting in United States.
Paul Newell, Rocketdyne Coin Club, Medals.
Wishart Macfarren, Los Angeles Coin Club, Clean Coins vs. Cleaned Coins.

Resumes of most of these talks have been reported in previous issues of **Calcoin News,** as available on the occasion of their first delivery to a coin club.

PERSONAL MENTION

Earl Whitehead was elected to the Los Angeles Coin Club's board of governors to replace **Bill Peltret,** who resigned to take a supervisory assignment with Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., in England. **Carlton Gates** opened a coin store, known as Carlton's Coin Shop, at 4041 Sepulveda Blvd. in Culver City. **Douglas Decker** has started a coin business, Chula Vista Coin Shop, at 319 F St., Chula Vista. **Karl Brainard** has sold his wholesale supply business to **Richard DeMers** of Garden Grove. **Bill Smith,** proprietor of the Eureka Coin Shop in San Francisco, will conduct the Numismatic Association of Southern California's winter convention auction sale. **Grace Brainard's** mother, Rose MacLean, died in June. Parents of President **G. Lee Kuntz** of the Los Angeles Coin Club attended the June meeting while enroute from New Orleans to Honolulu.

HERE AND THERE

San Fernando Valley Coin Club's July meeting featured "Other Hob-

bies Night", with guns, buttons, dolls, stamps, glassware, fans and cups going on display and being described by members . . . Monterey Park Club held an auction of donated coins in May and raised $30, which went to the Monterey Park "Y" camp fund . . . At a recent meeting of the Norwalk California Coin Club, 80 per cent of the members stated they started collecting coins within the last two years . . . In June, Covina, East Los Angeles, Pico-Rivera and Monterey Park clubs held their second annual joint meeting and picnic at the Whittier Narrows Park.

NORTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By DOROTHY E. BEAULIEU

Of the 36 members of the Hanford Coin Club (June 15), four are charter members, having joined when the club was organized 13 years ago: **Fred E. Tinkham, Gus Heintz, Merrill Cole** and **M. Forest Speck.**

Third annual Coin Circus of the Delta Coin Club of Stockton and the Sacramento Coin Club will be held Sunday, Oct. 25, with the Delta Club serving as host.

The event, an all-day affair, will commence at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Highlights will be exhibits of choice numismatic material in all classes. An auction of 150 lots will be held.

This affair will be held in the new Micke's Grove Park Memorial Building, located half mile west of Highway 99, between Stockton and Lodi, Calif. A highway sign is posted on Highway 99 from both north and south with directions to the park. Micke's Grove has a playground and amusement park for children, along with a well-stocked zoo.

A light meal and refreshments will be offered at nominal cost.

Chairman of the event will be **John Cobb**, who will be assisted by Delta Club president **Frank Roza**. Other committee members are **Charles Richisen, Carl Klaffke, Gordon Rammer** and **Norman Pruitt.**

Those interested in bourse space may write to bourse chairman Gordon Rammer, 2039 Polk Way, Stockton, Calif. Bourse area will be sold at $3 per space.

The newly formed Discoverer Coin Club of the Lockheed Corporation in Sunnyvale recently closed its charter with 23 members. **Bert Flanders** is president; **Nick Zelock**, vice president; **Thelma Tyson**, business secretary; **John Paul Cortez**, recording secretary; **Frank Trefren**, treasurer, and **Brooks Beecher, Frank Reif** and **Joe Silva**, committeemen. Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Lockheed Cafeteria. **Dorothy Beaulieu** spoke on Canadian coins at the July meeting.

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society held its 44th anniversary meeting June 24 with a banquet at Marconi's Restaurant. **John E. Ohls** read a poem he had written, which included a flattering description of each of the nine PCNS officers. President **Clifford L. Liss** presented **William G. Wilson** with an uncirculated 1928S silver dollar (year Wilson joined the society) mounted in plastic holder, inscribed in gold lettering with his name, and the words "From PCNS in honor of 31 years of membership", and a letter bound in folder form thanking Wilson for his long and faithful membership. **Mrs. Harry Cutler** read a newsclipping dated 1886, an interview between a Chicago coin dealer and the **Evening Star.** The title of the item was Numismatic Fashions — How Marcus Aurelius' Wife Wore Her Back Hair. Among out-of-town members attending the banquet was **Abner Kreisberg** of Beverly Hills. A telegram was received from **Abe Kosoff** of Encino, congratulating the society on its 520th meeting.

Due to pressure of other commitments, **Beverly Gayle Smith** has resigned as president of the San Jose Coin Club. This was Miss Smith's second term. Members presented her with an engraved gavel in appreciation of her many services to the club. **John Cobb** presided at the July meeting. **George Hodges** was appointed vice president. **Dorothy Beaulieu** spoke on "Early Types of Canadian Currency".

Mrs. **Cecelia Hutt** of San Francisco addressed the club on "Ptolemaic Queens" at the June meeting.

Mrs. **Audie H. Hodges**, 71, distant kin of Abraham Lincoln, died July 14 in a San Jose hospital. She was the wife of **George F. Hodges**, vice president of the San Jose Coin Club.

EAST BAY WINS SECOND AWARD

East Bay Coin Club, Oakland, has been notified that it has won second award for Class A clubs in 1959 National Coin Week competition. **Lewis A. Moorman** was National Coin Week chairman for both 1958 and 1959. Last year, under his direction, the club won third place. **Don T. Thrall** assisted Moorman.

"Other Hobbies" was theme for the June meeting of the Hayward Area Coin Club. Exhibits ranged from shells to hat pins. Fifty members and guests were present.

The United States mint at Denver, Colo., issued its first coins in 1906.

AN ODE TO THE PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Our President is Cliff L. Liss
A good man you'll agree,
He collects U.S. and Philippines
And also Hawaii.
His ideas for our programs
Are always something new,
And if our programs don't go right
He gets into a stew.

Vice President is Milton Strauch
A somewhat modest man,
He collects historical foreign coins
And U.S. when he can.
He likes to win his ribbons
And a medal here and there,
His timely writings and displays
Show study, plan, and care.

Our Secretary is simply grand
She's Mrs. Harry Cutler,
She edits our Bulletin, handles our mail
And we couldn't do without her.
She's proudest of her Kellogg dies,
And always brings an exhibit,
Her shop is on Grant Avenue
Why don't you pay her a visit?

Paul Snedaker holds the purse strings
Our Treasurer is he,
And when it comes to spending it
He's as close as he can be.
He is trying his luck as a dealer
And we all hope he succeeds,
He's trying his best he tells us
To fill in our coin needs.

Commander H. F. Bowker
Is our Librarian,
He works for numismatics with
His knowledge and his pen.
His coins are just East Asian
His books about the same,
Wherever you look you'll see
Articles under his name.

Lesley G. Lodge is Governor
Though he once held all these posts,
He works as Convention Chairman
When PCNS is host.
His specialty is U.S. coins
And he works with diligence, too,
On our 1915 Collection
That he gathers from me and you.

Another Governor is Pat
Called Robert Patterson,
Collecting U.S. types in proof
Is a job not easily done.
He's quite a fisherman they say
And poker too is his meat,
I'm warning you for this I know
He's pretty hard to beat.

That David Redfield's not the last
Of the Governors, may seem funny,
He has served us well and he collects
Just any kind of money.
Past President of this our club
He seems to have a flair
For stories attached to the coins
He collects, from almost everywhere.

And now for the last of our Governors
But assuredly not the least,
Frank Howard is an old timer
His brow the years have creased.
But his tales of old San Francisco
And the coins of the world he displays,
With his ready wit and humor
Recalls those by-gone days.

For forty-four years this wonderful club
Has, and will, to the end of time,
Mothered collectors and hosted her guests
From every country and clime.
May we San Francisco collectors
Get busy and work as a hive,
For the greatest of all, our 50th year,
ANA in '65!

—John E. Ohls.

Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS

972	BARRETT, Edward J.	3866 Coco Ave., Los Angeles 8, Calif.
971	GARSIDE, Joseph J.	4533 Mt. La Platta Ct., San Diego 17, Calif.
968	GROESCH, John William	921 Garfield, San Francisco 27, Calif.
967	JUSTUS, George	452 N. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif.
973	LAUGHERY, Clarilde	713 Maitland Dr., Bakersfield, Calif.
969	McKAY, Albert S.	852 Branciforte Ave., Santa Cruz, Calif.
970	NELSON, Lloyd	1100 R St., Bakersfield, Calif.

ADDRESS CHANGES

677	ARMSTRONG, Forest	798-B Frances, San Luis Obispo, Calif.
868	GOUGH, Harley M.	26 Edgemont, Daly City, Calif.
866	KAY, Jay	1068 Terrace Dr., Long Beach 7, Calif.
779	MISHLER, Clifford D.	P. O. Box 187, Vandalia, Mich.
678	MITCHELL, Laurence C.	Headquarters Co., 2nd USA (ENL) (2000), Ft. George G. Meade, Md.

RESIGNATIONS

710	JENSEN, Maurice	228 St. Joseph Ave., Long Beach 3, Calif.

DECEASED

40	FRASER, Vreeland H.	4904 Alta Canada Rd., La Canada, Calif.
606	RHODES, Donald L.	P. O. Box 1151, Vallejo, Calif.

Membership as of July 31, 1959 647
Paid up members (1959 dues) 479

WINN OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, JUNE 1959

Balance May 31, 1959 ..... $4,038.10

Receipts:

W.H. Smith, deposit, Pasadena auction	$100.00	
Dues	24.00	124.00

Disbursements:

Shucart Stationery & Printing Co.	$ 1.30	
Coast Engraving Co.	31.35	
Shucart Stationery & Printing Co.	90.48	
H.M. Bergen	8.96	
Coast Engraving Co.	34.73	
C.V. Kappen, editor's expenses	12.50	
Globe Printing Co.	229.20	408.52

Cash on hand June 30, 1959 ..... $3,753.58

T. KIRK HILL,
Treasurer.